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First Named Applicant	BULLISTER, 35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.			

TITLE OF MOUSE AND TRACKBALL WITH OPTIMAL MEASUREMENT OPTICS  
INVENTION

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
2	345-167.000	F09	UTILITY	YES	\$605.00	03/06/00

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/220,905

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David L Lewis

Group Art Unit  
2778



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to 12/3/99

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-16, 21-26, and 28-30

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Amare Mengistu  
Primary Examiner

Application/Control Number: 09/220,905

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward T. Bullister on 12/3/99.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

**ABSTRACT, line 16:** after "~~deterioration~~ of accuracy." deleted the new paragraph and next paragraph indentation to form one complete paragraph from the two existing paragraphs.

**Claim 26 line 10:** after "said spherical ball, " **inserted** " said pattern being based on a Platonic solid whose faces are projected ~~to~~ said surface of said ball, "

**Deleted claim 27.**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Lewis whose telephone number is (703) 306-3026.

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December 5, 1999

*Amare Mengistu*  
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**Title: Mouse And Trackball With Optimal Measurement Optics**

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As pointed out by the Applicant in the response filed on 9/22/99, certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art of record. Specifically, the feature comprising said pattern containing projected triangular shapes, and said sensor can detect a given projected triangular shape. Further the Applicant has modified claim 26 to include the subject matter of claim 27 as suggested by the Examiner on 12/3/99 to place the claim in condition for allowance. Because none of the prior art including Tak teaches or suggests this element, this feature, taken together with the other limitations of the claims, renders the claims allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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